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New Pure Electric DASH Buses Launched

Mayor Eric Garcetti, Transportation Committee Chair and Councilmember Mike Bonin joined LADOT General Manager, Seleta Reynolds to launch the city's first pure electric bus last week. This is another example of LADOT Transit's long-standing commitment to environmental sustainability. The electric bus will join the DASH Downtown fleet. The addition of the pure electric bus to the LADOT Transit fleet moves the city closer to achieving Mayor Garcetti's Sustainable City pLAn goals.

The 35-foot heavy-duty bus was manufactured in Lancaster, California by BYD North America, a battery technology and vehicle manufacturer. It is one of four electric buses being added to the fleet with a range of up to 145 miles on a single charge. See this newest addition to the [DASH fleet here](#).

Vision Zero Promotes Safe Streets

[S.A.F.E.](#) (Streets are for Everyone) and [Vision Zero](#) (VZ) are partnering to raise awareness about crashes, collisions and fatalities on city streets by promoting a [Public Service Campaign contest](#) for Los Angeles area high school students. LADOT's Nat Gale joined together with other organizations at the Reseda High School Performing Arts Center to provide contest participants with ideas and background information as the students work to produce their own public service campaigns. Interested schools are invited to register at this [link](#) by January 18, 2017

LADOT Participates in Student Leadership Summit

Principle Transportation Engineer Zaki Mustafa presented powerful insights at the [California State University, Fullerton campus leadership summit](#) last week. The three-day event is held annually by the Western District of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE). Its purpose is to cater to students seeking professional development in transportation and provides attendees two things: a discussion forum of current and future developments of transportation and a networking opportunity with transportation professionals.

Laurel Canyon Emergency Response

The City of Los Angeles has determined it is safe to allow limited traffic through Laurel Canyon along Laurel Canyon Boulevard. Non-residential traffic is encouraged to continue to use alternate routes. Traffic and parking restrictions are in effect and will be strictly enforced. Residents are allowed to access their homes, and commuters are advised to expect detours and traffic restrictions. This area remains completely closed to trucks over 6,000 lbs. These trucks must use either Highways 405 or 101 at this time. Currently, the city does not have an estimate for the duration of the detour. LADOT Special Traffic Operations detour [details are available here](#).

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